

REMARKS

Upon entry of this amendment, claim 4 is pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 5-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claim 4 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

On page 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claim 4 in independent form including the limitations of independent claim 1. Therefore, claim 4 is in condition for allowance.

Further, since rejected claims 1-3 and 5-10 have been cancelled and there are no outstanding objections or rejections, allowance of this application is now believed to be in order, and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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